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Reply and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1

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FOR:

A VIRTUAL COUPONINGTM METHOD AND APPARATUS HAVING AN IN-STORE

CONSUMER KIOSK AND BEING ABLE TO VERIFY IN REAL-TIME THAT A

PRODUCT IS ELIGIBLE FOR DISCOUNT REDEMPTION

Mail Stop Amendment Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are described beginning on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 24122-403).